BEAUMONT
LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex – November 19, 2026
232 West Sixth Street, Beaumont, CA

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Public comments on items not on the agenda and/or jurisdiction items –
3-minute limit per topic, per speaker

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting
Motion to approve the Minutes as presented:

5. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

6. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

A. Director's Report
B. Financial Report
C. Activity Report
D. Public Services Report

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
Motion to approve library closure related to construction January 2-10, 2027:

B. 2027 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

8. NEW BUSINESS
    A. 2027 HOLIDAY AND CLOSURE SCHEDULE
       Motion to approve the 2027 Holiday Schedule as presented:

9. ADDED STARTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3-minute limit

12. ADJOURNMENT

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6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex – October 29, 2026
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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL – M. Coleman, M. Garcia, S. Aguilar-Martinez, K. Van Valkenburg, L. Dickinson
ABSENT – C. Carr, S. Mitchell
GUEST – L. Cook, J. Schumacher

REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA – Agenda was posted 72 hours in advance.

1. CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting.

MOTION: (Aguilar-Martinez/Garcia) to approve the Minutes as presented. (3-0-2)

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**

A. **Director's Report**
Library Updates – Director Emeritus Dickinson gave a brief report on the progress of Phase II renovations. The waterproofing has been done in the Carnegie building. The roofing on the Carnegie was covered just before the first rain of the season. The new building had two minor leaks on the roof when the first storm of the year hit. In the second storm no leaks were noted. C.W. Driver will continue to investigate the issue.
Organization – There was another tagging incident on the library property last week, which was cleaned up very quickly.

B. **Financial Reports** – Overall balances are declining due to construction costs, but other expenses are within normal range. The most notable was the purchase of the new book drop for the parking lot and the new server equipment for the new building.
The Quarterly report was given by L. Cook. Revenue is low as the timing of the larger disbursements from Riverside County are December and May. The budget performance is within the target range of 25% except for the retirement account due to the annual UAL(unfunded accrued liability) payment. The Grant budget shows we have received money for the Literacy Grant. It also shows there is money in the Zip Books grant fund even though that grant is no longer being funded by the state. Going forward all the Zip Book expenditures will show

under the general fund. The net position of the library continues to be very positive.

C. **Activity Report** – September numbers show it was busiest September in the history of the library. Social Media engagement continues to be excellent.

D. **Public Services Report** – September programming started slow and more programs were added in October. J. Schumacher said there were graduates from the Career Online High School. It was explained that the program is self-paced and participants have coaches to help them. Discussion ensued about how to promote that program with other organizations in the Pass Area.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **GRANT & CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

The Director Emeritus gave a presentation starting with photos on the success of Children's programs since the expansion opened. Also included was progress with the Phase II renovations, including photos showing the termite damage from 1938 that is being repaired. In addition, walls were being repaired in the office under the Carnegie stairs where the walls were water protected and interior steps were demolished to create more space. Progress on construction of small group study spaces was covered as well.

B. **2027 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE REVIEW**

Board members discussed whether they would like to meet before or after Christmas. It was decided that the December meeting will be on December 17. The board also discussed whether to have their retreat on January 30 or February 6th for Strategic Planning & Budgeting Workshop.

MOTION: (Aguilar-Martinez/Coleman) to hold the December Board meeting on December 17 and the Board Retreat on February 6 (3-0-2)

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **YEAR-END REVENUE REPORT**

The Director Emeritus distributed a graph showing average monthly tax revenue over the past ten years. It showed that the library receives most of its income in December, January, April and May. He also passed out information on the Consumer Price Index for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties through September 2026, which is 3.6% over the past twelve months.

B. **LAFCO MEETING AGENDA ITEM 7**

The Director gave a report from the LAFCO meeting she attended through Zoom where the City of Calimesa is interested in annexing two areas under the sphere of influence of the Beaumont Library District. Opposition was voiced by several other agencies that will also be adversely affected. Nothing was decided by LAFCO other than to do a study. The next meeting is scheduled for March or April 2027.

C. **EARLY CLOSURE OF LIBRARY DEC 8TH**

The Director asked to close the Library early on December 8 so staff could attend the Winter Gathering.

MOTION: (Coleman/Aguilar-Martinez) to close the library on December 8 at 5:00 p.m. (3-0-2)

ADDED STARTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The library will again be collecting food donations for Carol's Kitchen starting November 4.

Mr. Dickinson announced he will be retiring effective December 31, 2026, and he read a letter to the Board thanking them for the opportunity to serve as Director and continue as Director Emeritus to complete the expansion/ renovation of the library over the last ten years on the job.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mrs. Coleman noted that a new Library Board President would need to be picked at the end of the year. She stated a system of rotation needs to be adopted so everyone on the Board can have a chance to be President and Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT - at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED: DATE:

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2026

DEPARTMENT: Administration
PREPARED BY: Kelly Van Valkenburg

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2026
LOCATION: 232 W. 6th Street, Beaumont

Library Updates

Construction:

The Family Place room will have additional work performed during the Thanksgiving week break. Ceiling clouds and lighting is scheduled for installation. Phase II is quickly progressing. The interior insulation, drywall, and plaster are completed. A new roof was installed and exterior concrete, including the exterior stairs have been patched. The T-bar ceiling grid is hung, and tiles will be installed shortly. Restroom tile is scheduled for November 16. Painting on the exterior and/or interior is scheduled to begin the week of November 23.

Organization:

The California State Library Public Library Statistics for FY 25-26 were submitted. When compared to FY 24-25, most areas of measurement such as library hours open, number of visits, number of programs, attendance, etc. were down. This was anticipated, resulting from reduced library hours, limited library space and access as an effect from the construction project. However, since the library opened the new space in September, we have seen an increase in those areas of measurement.

In programming, the library hosted a group from the Chatigny Senior Center for a tour and craft. The same group previously visited during Phase I construction and were quite impressed with the changes. Beau the bookmobile participated in the City's 2026 Veteran's Day Parade.

Beginning November 16, the library is hosting a seasonal Food Drive for Carol's Kitchen for a 4-week duration.

Meetings and Activities:

Nov 2 – 20	Director on medical leave
Nov 4	Director Emeritus OAC meeting with CW Driver
Nov 4	Collaborative Agencies Committee Meeting (attended by M. Garcia)
Nov 10	Last working day of Director Emeritus

Meetings and Activities (Con't):

Nov 11	Bookmobile participation in Veteran's Day parade/Library Closed for Veteran's Day
Nov 12	OAC meeting with CW Driver
Nov 16	Food Drive for Carol's Kitchen began
Nov 18	OAC meeting with CW Driver
Nov 20-25	Construction in Family Place Room
Nov 23-28	Fall programming pause
Nov 25	OAC meeting with CW Driver
Nov 26-27	Library Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Staff Updates:

The Director went on medical leave on November 2 returns Monday, November 23. Public Services Manager, Julia Schumacher is administering the library during her absence.

Supervising Librarian, Tamara Evans and Library Associate II (PT) Bridget Kealy attended the TLCU virtual conference, learning about critical updates and new features with our Integrated Library System (ILS).

Library staff said farewell with a lunch in Luren's honor as the Director Emeritus departed on his permanent vacation beginning November 12. His official retirement date is December 9. A retirement party will be held when he returns in February for the building dedication ceremony.

Coming Up:
The 2026 Annual Winter Gathering, "Cozy Up and Celebrate" will be held Tuesday, December 8 at 6pm at the Beaumont Woman's Club.

Personnel Action:

Hired: None to report

Promotions: None to report

Retirement: None to report

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Statistical Update
FY25-26 and FY26-27 Comparison

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	Total FY25-26	Total FY26-27	Oct-25	Oct-26	Nov-25	Nov-26	Dec-25	Dec-26
Library Services								
Library Visits	45673	19782	4998	9928	3982		4033	
Bookmobile Visits	1306	1618	149	196	94		91	
Total Visits	**46979**	**21400**	**5147**	**10124**	**4076**		**4124**	
Reference Transactions	7793	4554	1010	1823	849			
Actual Hours Open	1939	511	164	259	147		167	
Library Card Holders								
New Borrowers	1389	558	155		104		113	
Updated Borrowers	3418	1467	341		237		328	
Deleted Borrowers	278	-13	8		5		1	
Net Borrowers	**4548**	**2012**	**488**		**341**		**441**	
Circulation of Materials								
Children's Materials	47609	8388						
Teen Materials	4447	732						
Adult Materials	25167	2771						
Bookmobile Materials	3108	604	308		316		176	
Library of Things	425	40						
Items Renewed	66297	5020	6337		5162		5525	
Total Checkouts	**147053**	**17555**	**12171**		**10605**		**9946**	
Circulation of eMaterials								
Hoopla	4944	2309	442	703	461		503	
Overdrive	8700	5402	811	2240	864		860	
Palace Project	74	28	3	16	6		2	
eMagazines	201	94	22	26	22		15	
Kanopy	N/A	52	N/A	52	N/A		N/A	
Total Checkouts of eMaterials	**13919**	**7885**	**1278**	**3037**	**1353**		**1380**	

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Statistical Update

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	Total FY25-26	Total FY26-27	Oct-25	Oct-26	Nov-25	Nov-26	Dec-25	Dec-26
Collection Growth								
Titles Added	4241	731	406		268		445	
Titles Deleted	5212	-4168	798		566		284	
Titles Change	**-1860**	**-3437**	**-392**		**-298**		**161**	
Items Added	4754	788	456		313		519	
Items Deleted	5645	-4192	839		605		338	
Items Change	**-3131**	**-3404**	**-383**		**-292**		**181**	
Technology								
Public Computer Use	13631	1165	218	576	305		236	
Website Visits	29651	20761	3785	6456	3878		3839	
Librarian-By-Appointment	18	4	3	3	3		2	
3D Printing Sessions	-	0		0				
Database Usage								
Ancestry	449	150	58	150	0		59	
GreenFILE	450	1	0	1	0		0	
A to Z Databases	31	30	0	1	1		0	
NoveList	44	66	5	5	5		5	
ProQuest K-12	8	0	0	0	0		0	
Programs & Activities								
Early Learning: Ages 0-5								
Number of Programs	198	53	26	38	22		26	
Attendance	4842	1383	511	1053	525		668	
Children's Programs: Ages 6-11								
Number of Programs	15	7	2	6	1		2	
Attendance	159	177	19	169	9		29	
Teen Programs: Ages 12-17								
Number of Programs	14	3	1	2	1		1	
Attendance	105	22	6	17	4		4	
			Oct-25	Oct-26	Nov-25	Nov-26	Dec-25	Dec-26
Adult Programs: Ages 18+								
Number of Programs	**97**	**5**	18	4	10		8	
Attendance	**396**	**47**	68	45	37		19	
General Interest Programs: All Ages								
Number of Programs	**22**	**19**	4	12	1		1	
Attendance	**1658**	**1243**	131	699	58		92	
Outreach Programs								
Number of Programs	**267**	**56**	29	32	22		26	
Attendance	**7411**	**1246**	712	677	534		662	
Total Programs	**613**	**143**	**80**	**94**	**57**		**64**	
Total Attendance	**14571**	**4118**	**1447**	**2660**	**1167**		**1474**	
Volunteers								
Teen Volunteers - Hours	**289**	**111**	19	35	26		21	
Adult Volunteers - Hours	**916**	**334**	113	92	94		65	
Total Volunteer Hours	**1205**	**445**	**132**	**127**	**120**		**86**	

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Annual Report 2026

The library had **2,582** open hours in 2025/2026!

23,077 people have a card at our library

64,751 people walked through our doors last year

In addition to **48,163** website visits

Print materials totaled **49,846**

The collection contained **56,230** items

There were **16,977** check outs of electronic materials

Contributing to a total of **160,923** checkouts!

We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **0** times

And brought in **0** items upon patron request

Our service is delivered by **12.25** dedicated FTE staff

13,615 Reference questions were asked

430 total programs offered

10,561 people attended in total!

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC SERVICES UPDATE
November 2026

DEPARTMENT: Public Services
PREPARED BY: Julia Schumacher

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2026
LOCATION: Library Annex
232 W. 6th Street, Beaumont, CA 92223

PROGRAMS

Library programs are continuing their return to normal operations after 20 months of being held off-site in community locations. October attendance reached its highest level since July 2024, reflecting strong community engagement and enthusiasm for the expanded program schedule. In addition to the return of many patron favorites, several new programs were introduced and received an enthusiastic response. Community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, reflecting the dedication, creativity, and adaptability of the librarians who have worked to expand and deliver a diverse range of programs throughout this extended transition period.

October Storytime Highlights



Wiggle Worms





Little Learners





Cuentos with Friends





ADULT LEARNING AND LITERACY

This fall, the Adult Learning and Literacy Program introduced several new opportunities for adult learners. Learner Book Club began in September and meets on the second Saturday of each month. Learner News meets on the third Saturday and provides participants with an opportunity to explore our subscription to News for You. Published weekly by New Readers Press, News for You is designed specifically for adult literacy learners, English language learners, and individuals with low reading levels.

The program continues to train new tutors each month and is currently seeking Spanish-speaking tutors to work with several learners who are beginning with very limited English proficiency. Below are the preliminary October statistics, as not all tutors have submitted their monthly reports.

Adult Literacy October 2026			
Tutor Sessions	Volunteer Hours	Enrolled Learners	Highlights
33	92	15	• 11 people attended our first Family Literacy program of the year, titled, Everyone Reads

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OUTREACH and BOOKMOBILE

Sometimes outreach comes to us. Our ongoing partnership with the Senior Center at Chatigny led to a second field trip to the library this year. The group first visited in April to learn about the history of the Carnegie building and tour the historic facility. In October, 31 Senior Center members returned to see the newly opened portion of the library, receive an update on the renovation project, and participate in a paint-your-own bookmark craft. The group has already scheduled another visit in March to see the completed project. Continued engagement with community partners such as the Senior Center helps foster meaningful relationships and reinforces the Library District's role as a community gathering place and resource.

The Bookmobile was on the road 23 of 31 days in October, extending library services throughout the community. During this period, outreach staff presented 49 Storytimes, reaching children and families across multiple locations. Special recognition goes to Miss B, who led the majority of these programs.

Bookmobile October 2026			
Stops	Service Hours	Circulation	Visits
47	51	565	196

Outreach Highlights

Chatigny Senior Center Field Trip, Monster Mash, and Mickelson Park Bookmobile Stop





STAFF

Last, but certainly not least, our dedicated staff celebrated Halloween by hosting a fun new event, Trick or Treat with Us! The program encouraged children and families to explore areas of the library they may not have visited before, including the newly opened spaces and the Friends Bookstore. The event was a tremendous success and provided another opportunity to welcome the community into the library while showcasing the progress of the renovation project.





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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2027

NEW YEAR'S DAY	FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 18
PRESIDENTS DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
EASTER CLOSURE	SUNDAY, APRIL4*
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY, MAY 31
INDEPENDENCE DAY	SUNDAY, JULY 4
LABOR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	MONDAY, OCTOBER 11**
VETERANS DAY	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11
THANKSGIVING DAY	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
THANKSGIVING FRIDAY	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
CHRISTMAS EVE	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS DAY	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
NEW YEAR'S DAY 2026	SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

*The Library closes on Easter, but it is not a paid holiday.

**October 11 is not a paid holiday. The Library will be closed on October 11 for Staff Development Day.

Full-time staff normally scheduled off on Monday will be off the day after the holiday.

Full-time staff normally scheduled off on Friday will be off the day before the holiday.